

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KOBAYASHI ET AL. Examiner: H. NGO  
Serial No.: 09/415,121 Group Art Unit: 4355  
Filed: OCTOBER 8, 1999 Docket No.: 10873.444US01  
Title: ELECTRIC DEVICE

CERTIFIED UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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By:

Name: John Junkers

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

BOX CPA  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three (3)-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 29, 2001, said period of response being extended from February 28, 2002 to May 29, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.



Respectfully submitted,

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May 29, 2002  
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**CLAIMS AS FILED**

| NUMBER FILED                      | NUMBER EXTRA |   | RATE                     | FEE             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b><br>7 -20     | 0            | x | \$18                     | \$0.00          |
| <b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b><br>1 -3 | 0            | x | \$84                     | \$0.00          |
|                                   |              |   | <b>BASIC FILING FEE:</b> | <b>\$740.00</b> |
|                                   |              |   | <b>TOTAL FILING FEE:</b> | <b>\$740.00</b> |
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☐ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Payment of fees:  
☒ Attached is a check in the amount of \$ 740.00.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. 10-329889, filed on November 19, 1998 in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
6. ☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/415,121, filed October 8, 1999.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. located at Kadoma-shi, Japan.
8. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:  

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9. ☒ A petition and fee to extend the term in the prior application until May 29, 2002 are enclosed herewith.
10. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
11. ☐ Also Enclosed:
12. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of Douglas P. Mueller** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.

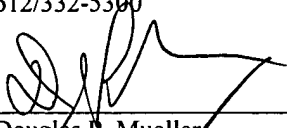
13. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: May 29, 2002

  
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